

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

**Monday, May 2, 2005**

**1:00 P.M.**

**Grand Valley State University,  
Eberhard Center, 2nd floor Tele-  
conferencing room**

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**Chairman Sheen** called the meeting to order.

The committee met jointly with the Senate Committee on Finance.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Sheen, Newell, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Condino, Farrah, Meisner. (9/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Reps. Meyer, Gosselin, Drolet, Palmer, Bieda, Miller, Meisner, Bennett. (8/17)

**Representative Newell** moved to adopt the minutes of the April 25, 2005 meeting.

**Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Condino** moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Zelenko** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

**Charles Owens**, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Tom Bylenga**, representing Star Truck Rentals, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Brian Arens**, representing Michigan Kenworth, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Tommy Brann**, representing Brann's Restaurant, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Dan Barcheski**, representing Axios, Inc., testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Jon Swets**, representing Macatawa Bank, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Kent Shantz**, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Bob Moodt**, representing Herman Miller, Inc., testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Rob Umstead**, representing Steenland Insurance Agency, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Carmel Roberts**, representing the Michigan Association of Insurance Agents, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Paul Stransky**, representing Foremost Insurance, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Jeff Pepper**, representing Foremost Insurance, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Mary Dechow**, representing Spartan Stores, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Lawrence Giusdorf**, representing State Tax Solutions, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Paul Hense**, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, testified before the committee in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Chuck Hadden**, representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Keith Brophy**, representing NuSoft Solutions, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Catherine Ettinger**, representing Cordes Tech, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Jared Rodriguez**, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Jeff Kane**, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's single business tax proposal.

**Ed Kisscorni**, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, testified before the committee in support of the Governor's single business tax proposal.

The following people turned in testimony cards in opposition to the Governor's single business tax proposal but did not wish to speak:

**Bob Berggren**, representing Secura Insurance Co.  
**Robert Smith**, representing himself.  
**Greg Clark**, representing Universal Forest Products, Inc.  
**D.D. Geerdes**, representing Newvue Concepts LTD.  
**Fred Hoonhorst**, representing Hoonhorst Concrete.  
**John Eldridge**, representing himself.  
**Tom Rozema**, representing himself.  
**Terry Bengtson**, representing State Farm Insurance.  
**Marilyn Ann Arnold**, representing Integrity Marketing Group, Inc.  
**Michael O'Donnell**, representing State Farm Insurance.  
**Michael Murphy**, representing Grand Rapids Stripping Co.  
**Kelly Foster**, representing Foster Appraisal Services, Inc.  
**Rick Nugent**, representing Nugent Builders, Inc.  
**Dan Anderson**, representing T-square Art Supply, Inc.  
**Mel Blom**, representing Proficient Machining, Inc.  
**Jeff Bussler**, representing Koetje Wood Products, Inc.  
**Amy Perston**, representing Contract Electric Co., Inc.  
**Dale Sheehy**, representing Northside Plumbing.  
**Robert Jonker**, representing Jonker Land Surveys PC.  
**Ellen Mulder**, representing Everett's Landscape Management, Inc.  
**Bruce Kwekel**, representing BDD Construction.  
**Ruth Mathews**, representing Mathews Furniture Co.  
**Peter Murdoch**, representing Reliant Professional Cleaning Contractors, Inc.  
**Mark Gebhardt**, representing Gebhardt Insurance Agency.  
**Doug Holstege**, representing Holstege Farms West.  
**Gary Fisher**, representing Spectrum Electronics, Inc.  
**Dave Offringa**, representing Woodland House of Kitchens, Inc.  
**Robert Carter Jr.**, representing R.J. Woodworking.  
**Edward Valhert**, representing E&V Engineering.  
**Randy Curtis**, representing Curtis Brothers Construction, Inc.  
**Tim Bullerdick**, representing Wirick Office Products.  
**Randall Meyer**, representing Randall G Meyer Excavating.  
**Don Venema**, representing All-Flo Plumbing LLC.  
**Lester Albright**, representing Ace Heating and Cooling Company.  
**Robert Kamp**, representing R.S. Kamp Farms.  
**Dr David May DDS**, representing himself.  
**Dr. Heather May DDS**, representing herself.  
**Rick Bosch**, representing Crawler Rebuilders and Supply, Inc.  
**Glen Pepper**, representing Baker's Management Service.  
**Evart Helms**, representing Helms Masonry, Inc.  
**Alex Karrip**, representing Karrip Enterprises, Inc.

**Mark Brower**, representing Brower Bulldozing Service, Inc.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:42 p.m.

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Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

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